BEFORE

THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF

SOUTH CAROLINA

DOCKET NO. 1999-504-T - ORDER NO. 2000-0186

FEBRUARY 25, 2000

IN RE:	Request of South Carolina Tariff Bureau, Inc.,)	ORDER V
	P. O. Box 171771, Spartanburg, SC 29301,)	GRANTING
	for a 3 Percent (3%) Emergency Fuel)	EXCEPTION
	Surcharge.)	

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (the Commission) on the request of Johnny D. Askins of Askins Moving & Storage, Inc. (Askins) for an exception to Item 300 of Tariff No. 2. The exception would allow Askins not to apply the presently approved 3% fuel surcharge on transportation rates of 0-30 miles. Askins also requests a similar exception to any future fuel surcharge that may be approved by this Commission.

On January 7, 2000, we issued Order No. 2000-031 which approved a 3% emergency fuel surcharge for a period of 60 days, due to escalating prices for fuel used by the South Carolina Tariff Bureau's member trucks. However, we have no objection to Askins opting out of the fuel surcharge for transportation rates of 0-30 miles. If Askins wishes to absorb this cost, rather than passing it on to the consumers of his services, we do not have a problem.

We therefore approve the request for the present fuel surcharge, and for any similar future fuel surcharges that we may approve.

This Order shall remain in full force and effect until further Order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Chairman

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ATTEST:

Executive Director

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